

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

The Brown-Patterson Feud in Crawford County to Be Aired in the Courts.

Rev. W. F. Pettit Bound Over to Court—Strong Evidence in His Favor—Farmer Murders His Daughter's Lover—A Big Contract.

A Genuine Feud in Crawford County Rivaling the Kentucky Article.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Dec. 12.—Not to be found wanting in such elements of sensation as have, in late years, rolled various Southern States in notoriety of a shade enviable, or otherwise, Indiana now steps to the front in possession of a full-grown feud of interesting and threatening dimensions. A rural neighborhood in the vicinity of English, a small town on the St. Louis Air-line road in Crawford county, has the distinction of being the battle-ground in the case, and two families of the respective names of Patton and Brown are the parties involved in the desperate disagreement. Although the differences between the two families run back for thirty-three years, when a quarrel arose over a purchase of land, more recent awakenings of war-like spirit are to be dated in 1884, in which year, on Nov. 6, at dead of night, the Brown family claims to have been visited at their home by a party of masked and armed men, who entered the house rudely, maltreated every member of the family, threatened them with death and robbed them of \$720.

Early on the following morning the Patton family sought to challenge the sympathy in a state of great excitement and dishevelment. The elder Patton was covered with blood, his clothing torn and his jaw badly lacerated. He was taken to a serious battle wound in his head. His house was badly torn up, windows broken out, furniture uprooted, a lantern kicked to pieces, and evidences of recent affray present all about the premises. The Pattons asserted that this condition of affairs was due to a visit made them, the night before, by a body of masked men, who mistreated them because of resistance to a demand for money, and who had, nevertheless, robbed them of \$720, which the elder Patton had concealed in the house. The outcome of these two midnight visitations was that the Browns accused the Pattons and their allies of committing the midnight robbery, and the Pattons filed the same accusation against the Browns. With the slowness of all rural communities these rancorous sentiments smoldered in legal inaction for five years. Recently the Browns have secured an indictment against the Pattons for robbery, and for perjury in accusing them of robbery. The case will come to trial at Leavenworth, Ind., Dec. 26. More than two hundred witnesses will be in attendance on both sides. Prominent talent of New Albany has been retained to support the claims of the rival factions, and as all parties to the feud are known to go constantly armed, a warm trial is expected.

Rev. W. F. Pettit's Preliminary Trial.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 12.—The preliminary examination of Rev. William F. Pettit, which had been in progress for two days, closed this evening, and, on motion of defendant's attorneys, the court admitted the accused to bail, fixing the amount at \$10,000. Pettit was arrested at Columbus, O., last Thursday, upon a warrant sworn out by a member of the grand jury of this county, charging him with poisoning his wife last July. The testimony of the attending physician was that Mrs. Pettit was taken with convulsions on Sunday; that she told him to treat her for strychnine poisoning, which he did; that she died on Monday, Tuesday, when the convulsions returned, and she died on Wednesday. Before her death Mrs. Pettit expressed the belief that she had been poisoned by tea which had been made in a cup in which she had previously mixed strychnine to be used in killing rats.

Big Contract for the Madison Ship-Yard.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MADISON, Dec. 12.—Representatives of a syndicate, formed in Kansas City two weeks ago, to build and operate a steamboat line on the Mississippi, between St. Louis and Kansas City, have just connected with the Madison Ship-Yard company to construct three boats, of six feet beam, and 250 feet long. The engines are to be twenty inches in diameter, seven feet stroke, with four boilers, forty-two inches in diameter, and twenty-two feet long, having four ten-inch flues. The boats will have electric lights. All are to be completed by June 1, at a total cost of \$300,000.

White Caps on a New Tack.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Dec. 12.—It has leaked out that in Crawford county the dreaded White Caps have been so vigilantly discouraged by United States officers that they have been forced to assume a new disguise for their lawless workings. It is stated that the new method of dealing with obnoxious persons in that neighborhood is to call together the members of the "circle," and manufacture against the obnoxious person sufficient evidence to procure his arrest for some alleged crime, and then prosecute him to conviction if possible.

Middletown Board of Trade.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 12.—An enthusiastic meeting of the leading citizens of this place was held in Hedrick's Hall last night to complete the organization of a Board of Trade. The organization was perfected by the election of officers as follows: President, J. P. Shoemaker; vice-president, Willis Wischard; treasurer, N. N. Shawler; directors, F. Tyke, John H. Heston, S. Miller, George L. Swain and J. O. Lambert. Middletown is situated on the C. & St. L. railroad, and has some of the best wells in the State.

Crawfordsville Gas-Sale Off.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Dec. 12.—The sale of the gas and electric-light plant of this city to New York parties, for \$100,000, has probably fallen through. The syndicate was to pay cash, and it seems that they are unable to do so, but offer to take \$50,000 in stock. This the directors refuse to accept, and a forfeit of \$1,000 put up by the New York parties. The intended purchasers and their attorney here have spent \$300 sending telegrams in regard to this matter.

Killed His Daughter's Lover.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Dec. 12.—Wednesday evening, while Lon Wischard, a young man of Springfield, twelve miles south of this city, was shot dead by Del Harry, an enraged father, whose daughter was young Wischard's side at the time of the murder. Harry had notified Wischard that he would kill him if his attentions to his daughter were not discontinued. Harry was taken to New Castle and placed in jail. He approached the victim from behind.

Two Years for Killing His Wife.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of John H. Taylor, for murdering his wife at their home, six miles west of Indianapolis, last May, came in just after dinner to-day with a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at two years imprisonment. After being out a few minutes yesterday. Six of the jury were for acquittal, while the others wanted to send him up for any time from two to fifteen years.

Minor Notes.

A movement is on foot in Fort Wayne for the formation of an exclusive social club for gentlemen.

William Liebfried, a switchman, was caught between the bumpers and severely crushed at Columbus.

John McCurdy, of Sellersburg, recently underwent the operation of trephining,

which restored his mental equilibrium. He had been slightly ever since his skull was fractured, ten years ago, by a blow with a stick of stove-wood.

James Brown, a colored farm-hand, was found dead in the woods near Edinburg, having been shot by a party of whites.

Martin Jackson, a boy fourteen, attempted to board a moving freight train at Franklin, and his leg was amputated.

Ex-Mayor William Wilson, of Logansport, is dead from typhoid fever. He was well known throughout northern Indiana.

Ernest Schiemann, an old resident of Fort Wayne, was seized with hemorrhage of the lungs at the breakfast table and died in a few minutes.

Judge Campitt, special session examiner, has been elected to the judgeship, and will be succeeded at LaPorte by Judge Stillwell, of Chicago.

Fred Price, of Brazil, has brought suit for \$10,000 in the Vigo county court against Elsie Jones, in whose saw-mill he was permanently disabled.

H. H. Everett, of Michigan City, was defeated in a wrestling match with Bert Smith, of Beloit, Wis., who has issued a challenge to any man in Indiana.

Richard Hopkins, a young farmer of Greenfield township, Lagrange county, was found dead beneath his horse's feet in his barn. He had died of heart disease.

Alonzo Berryman, of Union township, Montgomery county, sued the township for damages, claiming that a pond which was formed after the grading of a road caused typhoid fever. He received \$300 judgment.

Rev. George Hoover, one of the oldest and most widely known ministers of eastern Indiana, died at his home a few miles east of Middletown, Wednesday morning, of paralysis. He was a minister in the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church, and until a few months ago had been an active preacher for quite half a century.

August F. Siemon, head of the book and stationery firm of Siemon & Brother, at Fort Wayne, died yesterday, aged sixty-eight years. The deceased was one of the most prominent German-Americans of Fort Wayne, a veteran in business and highly respected. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and leaves a large family well provided for.

Charles Latta, who was employed by the Patton Hollow-ware Company, at the Prison South, as a night foreman in the embelishing-room, disappeared from his home last Saturday, and has not been heard from since that day. He lived with his widowed mother and sister at Jeffersonville, and his mysterious departure is causing them much concern.

ILLINOIS.

Fatal Stabbing Affray Between Farmers at a Birthday Party.

TUSCULUM, Dec. 12.—While attending a birthday party at the residence of Claus Hanson, ten miles southwest of here, Peter Stolly and David Krow, two prominent German farmers, became engaged in a quarrel, during which Krow was stabbed seven times by Stolly and his throat cut. His wounds probably are fatal. The guests being alarmed, the party broke up, and with the exception of Krow's wife, who finally separated the men and stood between them.

Trial of the Atwood Murderer.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTICELLO, Dec. 12.—The case of James Fitzpatrick, who shot Everett Thrasher and David Washburn at Atwood, this county, came up to-day before Judge J. W. Morris. Fitzpatrick was held in \$2,000 bond for his appearance for trial. Thrasher is fatally wounded and will die. The trouble grew out of Thrasher having fired several times at Fitzpatrick recently, for which he was fined fifty dollars in the Piatt county court. The sympathy of the people is with Fitzpatrick.

Wedding of Deaf Mutes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 12.—At Manito, Tazewell county, last evening, Mr. Thos. J. Cranwell, of that place, and Miss Ella Hallett, of Crawford county, Illinois, were united in wedlock, at the Reformed Church, in the presence of a large company of friends. The interesting feature of the wedding was that both the bride and groom are deaf mutes. Rev. Dr. Philip Gillette, superintendent of the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Jacksonville, of which both are graduates, performed the ceremony.

Brief Mention.

Dr. J. Bryant, of Dewitt, was given one year in the penitentiary for malpractice.

T. Bump, aged seventy-six, an old resident of McLean county, fell dead at Hudson.

George McC. Rex, for twenty-five years a resident of Bloomington, and a prominent politician, died at Reaville, N. J., Wednesday.

Gideon Gore, son of J. H. Gore, a farmer, was thrown from a horse against a tree, near Moscow, and killed. His neck was broken.

Frank Watson accidentally shot his brother Albert in the face and neck while hunting at Pana, Tuesday evening. The wounded man will recover.

The residence of Mrs. J. P. Laird, at Alton, was entered by burglars Tuesday night and robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry and silverware.

Wallace W. Randall, aged sixty-nine years, of Aurora, was accidentally suffocated by gas in his room Tuesday night. He left the gas partially turned on after extinguishing his light.

The State Board of Education, in charge of the affairs of the Normal School at Normal, was in session at the university yesterday. The Normal will close for the holiday vacation on the 19th.

The Illinois State Grange is in session at Springfield with 500 delegates present. The executive committee in its report showed fifty-two new granges, with 2,500 members, organized during the last year.

St. Alexius Catholic Church, at Beardstown, which has just been finished at a cost of over \$55,000, will be dedicated next Sunday. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ryan, Bishop of Alton, was assisted by a number of bishops, who will perform the ceremonies of consecration.

The State Horticultural Society, in session at Hamilton, elected the following officers: President, J. W. Webster, of Centralia; vice-president, H. L. Doane, of Jacksonville; secretary, A. C. Hammond, of Warsaw; treasurer, H. K. Vickroy, of Normal. The next annual meeting will be held at Cairo.

The Johnstown Theater Condemned.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—The investigation into the cause of the theater disaster was concluded last night, shortly before midnight, and a verdict rendered that the cause was in each case by an explosion in a jam resulting from a panic precipitated by a false alarm of fire in Parkes's Opera-house during a performance. The verdict was that, owing to the insufficient number of exits, the narrowness and faulty construction of the only one to the house, the building is entirely unsafe for public gatherings, and request the authorities to take proper measures to prevent any public assemblies in the building as now constructed. The funerals of some of the victims took place this afternoon, and the others will be buried to-morrow. All those injured in the panic are doing well, and the physicians report that all will recover. Messrs. Mack and Klein, proprietors of the opera-house, have cancelled all engagements, and the house will remain closed until it has been remodeled and better exits provided. As this was the only theater left in the city after the flood, no more theatricals will be witnessed in Johnstown this winter.

A Bill That Slipped Through Unnoticed. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—It has just been discovered that a bill increasing jurors' fees from \$1.50 to \$2 per day, which passed the Legislature and became operative last month, applies to St. Louis. Just how the bill slipped through is a mystery, but there is no doubt that the jurors will receive an extra half a dollar per day to-morrow when the fact becomes public. Since the bill became operative over 9,000 jurors have served from one to a dozen days, and the city will be mulcted in the sum of \$30,000 to satisfy their claims.

NEVER defer until to-morrow what should be attended to to-day. A slight cough should be neglected when Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure it. The readers of our publication are requested to use Salivation Oil for all such ailments. It is a sure cure, and costs only 25 cents.

GAS-STOKERS OUT ON STRIKE

A Labor Disturbance That Will Put Many Londoners to Great Inconvenience.

The Arbitration Committee Only Partly Successful—Stanley to Be Presented with the Freedom of London—Spain Irritated.

LONDON'S GAS-WORKERS.

A General Strike Averted, Though the Strikers Will Probably Cause Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The strike of the gas-stokers is fairly begun and the preliminary sparring of the men and the masters having rendered the one desperate almost to madness and driven the other to the extreme of determination, the likelihood of rioting and perhaps bloodshed seems very great. As yet no demonstration partaking of violence has been made, but fears are entertained that when the last shift of the men come out of the works at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning an attempt will be made by the strikers to prevent the new men from entering. Many of the newcomers are as desperate from want of work and consequent hunger and exposure as the strikers can possibly be from brooding over their grievances and the refusal of the company to redress them, and a riot between the two elements must result in injury to many if not promptly quelled. The public sympathy which was lavished upon the dock laborers in their great strike is entirely lacking in the present struggle, and there is also an entire absence of the sympathy shown by the police on the former occasion. In these circumstances the 500 policemen who are employed to guard the gas-works are surrounded upon by the company to show the strikers no mercy if they attempt by force to prevent the new men from going to work, and the latter may also be relied upon to protect themselves if it shall become necessary for them to fight. The gas-stokers have issued a manifesto, declaring that the employment of soldiers to directly or indirectly assist the gas companies, or to interfere with the strikers in their contest with the masters, will inevitably be followed by the suspension of the strikers from the company.

To-night it was said that at a conference held at the Mansion House this afternoon between Sir Mark Mills Collett, Sir John Lubbock and Lord Macartney, arbitrators, and representatives of the gas companies and their employees, an amicable arrangement of the existing troubles was made, and that the employment of soldiers to directly or indirectly assist the gas companies, or to interfere with the strikers in their contest with the masters, will inevitably be followed by the suspension of the strikers from the company.

The second shift of men employed in the Metropolitan gas-works struck at 11 o'clock to-night. There was no disturbance and they went out in an orderly way. The company's arbitrators, Sir John Lubbock and Lord Macartney, in the provinces. It offers a bonus of £2 for the first week and £1 a week for each succeeding week during the strike in addition to the regular wages. The strike has been held for nearly two hundred men brought up from Portsmouth by the company and induced them to desert. The company has already begun preparations for the public for funds.

The gas companies, in view of threatened stoppage of their supplies of English coal through a boycott, have arranged with Hamburg dealers for supplies that will be transported in ships with German crews and handled by German porters.

HONORS FOR STANLEY.

He Will Be Presented with the Freedom of London—The Queen's Congratulations.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The corporation of London has invited Mr. Stanley to accept the freedom of the city. The ceremony of presentation will take place in the Guildhall. The parchment conferring citizenship upon Mr. Stanley will be inclosed in a gold casket. On the evening of the day on which the presentation is made a reception will be given to Mr. Stanley in the Guildhall.

The Queen has sent a cable dispatch to Mr. Stanley, in which she says: "My thoughts are with you and your brave followers, whose hardships and dangers are at an end. I again congratulate you all, including the Zanzibaris who displayed such devotion and fortitude during your marvelous expedition. I trust Emin Pasha is making favorable progress."

It is announced that Stanley will pay a visit to the Khedive on his way home, remaining at Cairo three days. The Khedive, it is stated, has already begun preparations for receiving the explorer, which contemplate manifestations of welcome usually reserved for royalty.

All Zanzibar is engaged in feting Mr. Stanley and the members of his expedition. The British India Steam Navigation Company to-day gave a luncheon to him on board the steamer Solent, which has arrived there as the pioneer vessel in the direct service between Great Britain and East Africa. Mr. Stanley made a speech, in which he predicted the rapid growth and prosperity of East Africa.

The Zanzibaris who accompanied Stanley on his expedition through Africa were honored by the Sultan of Zanzibar. The Sultan thanked them for the splendid services they had rendered and rewarded them with presents.

EMIN'S CONDITION. ZANZIBAR, Dec. 12.—Emin Pasha had a restless night, disturbed by frequent and very severe paroxysms of coughing. He is unable to sleep, and his condition is becoming very painful. Otherwise his condition is unchanged.

SPANIARDS AROUSED.

United States Senator Call's Proposal in Regard to Cuba Roundly Denounced.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The papers here manifest a great deal of irritation at Senator Call's proposal in regard to Cuba, and roundly denounce it. This is a subject upon which Spain is very sensitive, and the mere suggestion of any change in the ownership of Cuba is apt to be regarded as an offense to the national dignity. The proposition was made by the Washington government to secure her consent to the establishment of a Cuban republic, and the payment of an indemnity to Spain, and the newspapers are indignant that any one should imagine that Spain would listen to such a proposal. The Epoca says: "This is a matter which cannot be that anyone in Washington takes it seriously. Even if a republic were established in Spain, she would not consent to the separation of Cuba."

Spain is resolved, at all hazards, to maintain the integrity of the national territory, and political divisions do not exist thereon.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

France Takes a Hand in the Quarrel of the French-Canadians with the Government.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Judging from the reports which are reaching here from Paris, there appears to be strong reason for believing that the appeals for protection the French-Canadians have made to France are likely to be productive of results not looked for in political circles in Canada. The French government, it is understood, has determined on looking into the question fully as to how far the terms upon which Canada was ceded to Great Britain by France have been carried out, and whether there has been any infringement upon the concessions made to the French-speaking population of Canada at the time the treaty was signed. In view of the possible intervention of France, which could but result in serious international complications between that republic and Great Britain.

Lord Salisbury has requested to be furnished with full information setting forth the questions in dispute between the Dominion government and the French Canadian people, the equity of such demands as may have been set up, and what measures have been taken to adjust them. The political atmosphere in Canada is anything but reassuring just now, and an open rupture between the two nationalities is not beyond the range of possibility.

Portugal May Follow Brazil's Example.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—Senator Castelar said in an interview that the events in Brazil had been no surprise to him. He believes that the example will be followed in Portugal sooner or later, but not in Spain, because in Spain the Regent, during the King's minority, keeps liberal Ministers in office, and has allowed Congress to establish universal suffrage. He thinks the Brazilian republic is stable.

Christians Beaten with Canes.

ATHENS, Dec. 12.—Despite the amnesty declared in Crete, twenty Christians were recently brought before the authorities there in chains and beaten with canes. Advice from Constantinople is that the Patriarch is disarming the Christians as far as possible, while the outrages by Turkish troops and officials increase rather than diminish.

An Ostrich Run Repeated.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The Reichstag, by a large majority, approved the motion to repeal the law of 1874, which gives the government authority to expel from the country any foreigner who, having been expelled, is guilty of a crime, or is charged with a crime, or is in the performance of his clerical duties.

Miners' Lockout Ended.

DORTMUND, Dec. 12.—The directors of all the mines have agreed together to end the lockout. All the men have therefore been restored to their places. The leaders, Hunte and Siegel, have declined, for the present, all offers to return to their former employment.

Cable Notes.

The English Parliament will meet on Feb. 11. The Catholic Primates have approved the Irish Tenants' League and its objects. The German Reichstag, by a vote of 127 to 11, has adopted a resolution for the exemption from military service of all students of theology.

Mr. Parnell has written a letter in which he says he is recovering from the cold from which he is suffering, and that he hopes to be able to speak at Nottingham on Tuesday next.

Tennyson's new volume is published. All the poems are short. One is dedicated to James Russell Lowell. All the dailies declare that many of the poems are equal to any of Tennyson's former efforts.

Col. Clibborn Booth, chief of staff to the commander of the Salvation Army, was arrested for infringing the decree by which he was expelled from Switzerland, was arraigned at Geneva and liberated upon the payment of £5.

The French Republic has been abolished throughout Egypt. It has been replaced, however, by an addition to the land tax. If France will give her consent to the proposed conversion of the Egyptian debt into a loan, her addition to the taxes will be necessary.

Mr. Gladstone has written a prefatory letter to be published with the English edition of the "Memoirs of a Southern Planter," by the late Mr. John Dabney, which was his daughter, Mrs. Swedes, of Baltimore.

The Communal Council of Berlin has sanctioned by a vote of 72 to 38, a proposal of the syndicate to demolish certain houses opposite the palace for a site for a monument to Kaiser William, but has refused the proposal to raise funds for the monument by a lottery.

The influenza is spreading throughout Germany. The administration of justice in the courts at Berlin is suspended, because the judges are down with the epidemic. It is proposed to close all the schools, especially at Danzig, where at least half the children are affected.

The difficulty of obtaining a sufficient number of agricultural laborers to cultivate the crops in many parts of Germany has become so great as to induce the farmers to import Chinese farm hands, and the project has met with general approval.

The Socialists of Germany are vying with the national leagues of Ireland in the amount of funds they are raising from their brethren in the United States, much of the success achieved by the Socialists in the recent elections having been secured by the expenditure of money contributed from America.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Local Forecasts.

For Indianapolis and Vicinity—For the twenty-four hours ending 8 p. m., Dec. 13—Fair weather.

GENERAL INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 8 p. m.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Friday: For Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia—Fair and warmer; southerly winds on Friday morning, followed by westerly winds and much colder by Saturday morning.

For Michigan and Wisconsin—Fair on Friday and Saturday; much colder by Saturday morning; winds shifting to northwesterly.

For Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota—Fair; northerly winds; lower temperature.

For Illinois—Fair; lower temperature; northerly winds; fair on Saturday.

Local Weather Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.

Time, Bar. Ther. R. H. Wind. Weather. Prec.

7 a. m. 30.38 33 77 S. mod. Cloudless.

7 p. m. 30.16 35 47 S. mod. Cloudless.

Maximum thermometer, 58; minimum thermometer, 34.

Following is a comparative statement of the condition of temperature and precipitation on Dec. 12:

Normal..... 37 77 S. mod. Cloudless.

Mean..... 37 77 S. mod. Cloudless.

Departure from normal..... -4 0.00

Excess or deficiency since Dec. 1..... -127 -0.14

Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1..... -232 -6.10

Plus.

General Weather Conditions.

THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 7 p. m.

PRESSURE.—A small low barometric area torn off from that of the Rocky mountains rushed eastward, central this morning in western Iowa. It is to-night over Lake Huron. One large high area is central north of Manitoba, with 30.40 at Qu'Appelle, and temperature below zero; extending southward to Kansas it joins another large high area over the north and east portions of the country, central with 30.38 in North Carolina. The low area west of the Rocky mountains remained stationary near the Pacific coast.

TEMPERATURE.—From northern Montana and northern Minnesota northward less than zero is reported; 10 below zero in Manitoba; 30 and less in Dakota, central Minnesota and north from Lake Superior; 40 and above from Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and lower lakes southward; 40 and above from Indiana Territory, southern Iowa, Missouri and southern Illinois southward; 70 and above from northern Louisiana and Mississippi southward.

PRECIPITATION.—Snow has fallen in Montana and Manitoba; heavy snow, 11 inches, at Qu'Appelle, Man.; light rains at St. Louis, Salt Lake City, and in southern Texas.

Direct from the North Pole.

St. Paul, Dec. 12.—Observer Lyons, of the signal service, reports that the cold wave is approaching us from the north pole and more than one thousand miles wide. This evening all the territory north of Montana, Dakota and west of Minnesota had a temperature of from 2 to 14 degrees below zero. At Medicine Lake, N. D., the thermometer stands this evening at 16 degrees below zero; Prince Albert, 14 below; Qu'Appelle, 10 below; Minnesota, 10 below; Fort Assiniboia, 10 below; and St. Vincent, Man., 6 below. The barometer is very high to the northward, and that is evidence that the wave will be of considerable duration.

Illness of Judge Longenecker's Assistant.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Luther Ladin Mills, who was to have made the final argument in the Cronin case to-morrow, has been

feared his duty to Judge Longenecker. Mr. Mills has been ill for some days. Until to-day he was confident that he would be able to perform the task assigned to him, but a sudden relapse has caused him to change his plans under a stern injunction from his physician to remain at home.

THE STREET-RAILROAD PLANT.

Mr. Shaffer Says the City or Any Individual or Company Can Have It on Easy Terms.

The matter of the Citizens' Street-railway Company's paying a large price for its franchise was suggested to Mr. Shaffer, the company's president yesterday. "It would be impossible considering the revenues of the company," said he, "to pay anything like the sum advocated by some people. The company would be glad to sell its plant for \$200,000, and if it could, it would agree to distribute \$100,000 to the poor."

He was willing to sell to the city or any individual for \$1,000,000 if the purchaser will give us thirty-years bonds at 8 per cent. On these terms we will turn over the capital stock, and the stockholders will take the road as it is, with all the property, including animals, cars and stables, together with the indebtedness of the company. The street-railroad business is a different thing from that of others. We cannot turn our money over and over, as many corporations do. All the property remains fixed, and the revenue which comes from one source—the passengers we carry." The opposition to granting an extension of the franchise on the part of the city is not a new thing. It has caused leading citizens to appeal for its passage. Council, at its meeting next Monday night, will doubtless have two long sessions before it, one asking that the ordinance be not passed, and the other that the franchise be granted. The latter has been in circulation for a day or two, and has the names of many heavy property-holders.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—VICTORIA VOKES. The engagement of Miss Victoria Vokes, supported by the Theatre and Cooper Comedy Company, began at the Grand Opera-house last night with Buckle's one-act comedy of "The Rough Diamond," and a clever sketch entitled "Hubby" by H. A. Sherburn. The latter seemed all the brighter in contrast with the rather heavy and cumbersome piece of humor that preceded it. What induces a competent and well-balanced company, with the most versatile, most refined and best equipped fun-maker of her day at its head, to load itself with an introductory whose main merit is its brevity, is one of the things which no average humorist can explain. It serves, however, as a foil to bring out more strongly the good points of better things that follow it. Miss Vokes makes the best of Margery. She is too good an actress to fail to invest whatever character she undertakes with some touch of her genius, and she plays the part of the good-natured and impulsive boyden with her old-time force and heartiness. But there is little in the part, as written, for the development of her best work, and even for the capable people included in the support, Mr. Vernon struggled manfully with an insipid character, as Sir William Evergreen. Leigh Baker indicated his strength in old men's parts as Lord Plato, and Fred Sidney worked hard to furnish employment for the risibles of the audience as "Cousin Joe."

The comedy which followed it came like a new revelation of the strength and capacity of the company, from the star of the humbler member of the support, Miss Vokes has grown heavier since her last appearance here, and her jollity, as it came out in the first act, has been replaced by a more serious and more dramatic hereditary as well as long and careful training. Her facial changes are as wonderful as ever, and her English culture is as evident as ever. She has, besides, the faculty of inspiring the people with her wit, and her work they see, and the crisp talk and lively movement of Mr. Sherburn's brilliant play were given with such dash and